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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2871
Docket No.: 1185.1046**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL PANEL, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND COMPOSITE
OPTICAL ELEMENT

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

VIA FACSIMILE

*DO NOT RESEND
ON OR AFTER 6/6/02*

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on February 6, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 6, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1, 2 and 4-10 and ADD claims 11-14, with the following:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display panel disposed apart from a surface light source device provided with a guide plate having an incidence end face, an emission face and a primary light source supplying primary light which enters into the guide plate through the incidence end face and is emitted from the guide plate through the emission face to provide illumination output light for backlighting of the liquid crystal display panel, comprising:

a liquid crystal layer; and